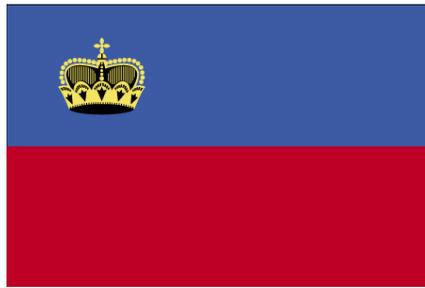




# LIECHTENSTEIN



## INTRODUCTION

The Principality of Liechtenstein was established within the Holy Roman Empire in 1719. It became a sovereign state in 1806 and joined the German Confederation in 1815. Liechtenstein became fully independent in 1866 when the Confederation dissolved. Since World War II (in which Liechtenstein remained neutral), the country's low taxes have spurred outstanding economic growth.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Prince HANS-ADAM II

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Daniel RISCH

### Government Type

constitutional monarchy

### Capital

Vaduz

### Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Landtag (25 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 160 sq km  
Land: 160 sq km  
Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

continental; cold, cloudy winters with frequent snow or rain; cool to moderately warm, cloudy, humid summers

### Natural Resources

hydroelectric potential, arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

high-income European economy; Schengen Area participant; key European financial leader; integrated with Swiss economy and franc currency user; one of the highest GDP per capita countries; relies on US and Eurozone markets for exports

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$4.978 billion (2014 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$139,100 (2009 est.)

**Industries** - electronics, metal manufacturing, dental products, ceramics, pharmaceuticals, food products, precision instruments, tourism, optical instruments

**Agricultural products** - wheat, barley, corn, potatoes, livestock, dairy products

**Exports** \$3.217 billion (2015 est.)

specialty machinery, audio/video connectors, motor vehicle parts, dental products, hardware, prepared foodstuffs

**partners:** N/A

**Imports** \$2.23 billion (2014 est.)

agricultural products, raw materials, energy products, machinery, metal goods, textiles, foodstuffs, motor vehicles

**partners:** N/A

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

39,430 (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.73% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Liechtensteiner 65.8%, Swiss 9.6%, Austrian 5.9%, German 4.4%, Italian 3.1%, other 11.2% (2017 est.)

### Language

German 91.5% (official) (Alemannic is the main dialect), Italian 1.5%, Turkish 1.3%, Portuguese 1.1%, other 4.6% (2019 est.)

### Religion

Roman Catholic (official) 73.4%, Protestant Reformed 6.3%, Muslim 5.9%, Christian Orthodox 1.3%, Lutheran 1.2%, other Protestant .7%, other Christian .3%, other .8%, none 7%, unspecified 3.3% (2015 est.)

